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1. A system for interactive wagering, comprising:
 - a database that stores data relating to wagering account information; and
 - a plurality of types of user interface systems that receive the wager account information stored in the database, that receive wager information from users, and that provide the wager account information received to the users.

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2. The system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of types of user interface systems comprises:
 - a television wagering control system that provides the wager account information to a television distribution system and that receives the wager information from a television wagering terminal.

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3. The system of claim 2, wherein the television distribution system is a cable system.

4. The system of claim 2, wherein the television distribution system is a satellite television system.

5. The system of claim 2, wherein the television wagering terminal is a cable television set-top box.

6. The system of claim 2, wherein the television wagering terminal is a satellite television receiver.

7. The system of claim 2, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a telephone system connection.

8. The system of claim 2, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a cable system connection.

9. The system of claim 2, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a computer network connection.

10. The system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of types of user interface systems comprises: an interactive voice response control system that receives a telephone call from an external source, that provides, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the wager account information, and that receives wager information from the external source through the telephone call.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein the interactive voice response control system receives the wager information as signals generated in response to one or more telephone key depressions.

12. The system of claim 10, wherein the interactive voice response control system receives the

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The system of claim 1, wherein the control system provides information to the external user information through a telephone connection.

The system of claim 1, wherein the control system provides information to the external user information through a wireless connection.

16. The system of claim 13, wherein the computer wagering control system provides the wager account information to the external computer and receives the wager information from the external computer through a wireless connection to the external computer.

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17. A method for interactive wagering, comprising:
storing data relating to wager account information; and
receiving wager information from users and providing the wager account information to users, both using a plurality of types of user interface systems.

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providing the wager account information to a television distribution system and receiving the wager information from a television wagering terminal;

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19. The method of claim 18, wherein the television distribution system is a cable system.

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20. The method of claim 18, wherein the television distribution system is a satellite television system.

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21. The method of claim 18, wherein the television wagering terminal is a cable television set-top box.

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22. The method of claim 18, wherein the television wagering terminal is a satellite television receiver.

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television distribution system and the receiving wager information from the television wagering terminal further comprises receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a telephone system connection.

24. The method of claim 18, wherein the providing the wager account information to the television distribution system and the receiving wager information from the television wagering terminal further comprises receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a cable system connection.

25. The method of claim 18, wherein the providing the wager account information to the television distribution system and the receiving wager information from the television wagering terminal further comprises receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a computer network connection.

26. The method of claim 17, further comprising:

receiving a telephone call from an external source, providing to the external source through the telephone call voice prompts that correspond to the wager account information, and receiving wager information from the external source through the telephone call.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the receiving the telephone call from the external source, the providing, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the wager account information, and the receiving wager information from the external source through the telephone call further comprises receiving the wager information as signals generated in response to one or more telephone key depressions.

28. The method of claim 26, wherein the receiving the telephone call from the external source, the providing, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the wager account information, and the receiving wager information from the external source through the telephone call further comprises receiving the wager information as verbal commands that are spoken by a caller.

29. The method of claim 17, further comprising:

providing the wager account information to an external computer and receiving wager information from the external computer.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein the providing the wager account information to the external computer and the receiving wager information from the external computer further comprises providing the wager account information to the external computer and receiving the wager information from the external

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computer, through an Internet connection to the external computer.

31. The method of claim 29, wherein the providing the wager account information to the external computer and the receiving wager information from the external computer further comprises providing the wager account information to the external computer and receiving the wager information from the external computer, through a telephone connection to the external computer.

32. The method of claim 29, wherein the providing the wager account information to the external computer and the receiving wager information from the external computer further comprises providing the wager account information to the external computer and receiving the wager information from the external computer, through a wireless connection to the external computer.

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